



Sunday, June 25, 2023, 3:00 pm *FREE!*

A&B Amphitheater | Maui Arts & Cultural Center

Showcasing some of Hawai'i's finest slack key guitarists

Musician background / bio notes



Darrell Aquino

Born and raised in Kailua, O'ahu, Darrell became a professional musician at the age of 12. He is now a multi-instrumentalist, a vocalist, and a multiple Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winning artist. He also garnered national industry awards while living state side for a few years.



Kevin Brown

Traditional slack key guitarist & Hawaiian vocalist, Kevin Brown, is the leader of the popular Maui group Ola Hou. One of Hawaii's finest musicians and instructors, his easy-going style has deeply influenced a generation of musicians both in Hawaii and on the mainland.



John Cruz

Hawaiian singer-songwriter John Cruz engages audiences with rich storytelling through songs ranging from Hawaiian to blues, folk, R&B and more. He's a multi-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-winner and contributed a composition and song to the GRAMMY® award-winning album 'Slack Key Guitar, Vol. 2.' Captivating guitar playing, soulful vocals and a compassionate, genuine heart make Cruz one of Hawaii's most beloved artists.



Stephen Inglis

Stephen has recorded 10 albums and worked closely with the late Dennis Kamakahi, one of Hawai'i's most prolific songwriters. In 2021 Stephen was honored with the Nā Hōkū Hanohano "Ki-ho'alu Legacy Award" for his contributions in performing, recording, preserving, and perpetuating Hawaii's 192-year-old guitar tradition.



Kawika Kahiapo

Kawika's interest in music began at an early age, when, inspired by his father, he spent many hours practicing guitar alone. Some of his fondest memories are of their "garage" jam sessions, when "Pops" Gabby Pahinui would show up at their house to play at a party, inspiring Kawika's passion for kī hō'alu.



Kamuela Kahoano

A singer/songwriter/ producer from Honolulu, Kamuela comes from a family of entertainers. His music has elements of acoustic, folk, indie, and alternative with Hawaiian influences. He is an accomplished left-handed player of both 'ukulele and guitar; he also plays the djembe.



Dwight Kanae

A dedicated musician and Hawaiian music addict, Dwight has performed on Hawai'i stages for over three decades with such luminaries as Peter Moon, Del Beazley, David Kahiapo, and more. Dwight released his own CD Hā'iku, and appears on several slack key guitar compilation albums.



Makana

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Makana is an internationally recognized master of Slack Key Guitar. Makana uses over a hundred tunings to fashion a massive, resonant, symphonic sound without use of loop pedals or other trickery. Out of slack key Makana has fashioned a hybrid style of slack key, blues and bluegrass he calls "Slack Rock".



Bobby Moderow

His group Maunalua has recorded many Nā Hōkū winning albums and toured extensively in Hawai'i, the Mainland, and internationally. Two years ago, Bobby recorded his first solo album and now performs solo when he is not engaged with his band. He also, teaches Ki-ho'alu part-time at the University of Hawai'i West Campus.



Anthony Pfluke

Anthony plays Hawaiian, hapa haole, contemporary, and his own original songs with great passion and verve, accompanied by adroit musicianship on 'ukulele, guitar and keyboards. At 11 years old, Anthony won a Mele 'ukulele in an essay contest, and his performance career took off from there.



Paul Togioka

Recognized as Kaua'i's finest slack key guitar artist, Paul utilizes classic style along with his creativity and inventiveness to mark him as the 'Main Man' of slack key on the Garden Island. A veteran recording artist, Paul has won Hawai'i Music Awards for Best Slack Key Album, is on the award-winning Hawaiian Slack Key Kings CD and has releases of his own.



Nāmaka Cosma White

A young and budding artist from Maui, Nāmaka is following in the footsteps of her famous father, Pekelo Cosma, who hailed from Hana, Maui. Nāmaka has been a student of Kevin Brown. While still a neophyte as a Slacker, Nāmaka exhibits all the ingredients of someone who is passionate about Hawaiian music and slack key guitar.